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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

TO THE

WEST PENWITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR

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TO WHICH IS APPENDED

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO

THE PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION)

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The Public Health Committee consists of all Members of the Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (TECHNICAL)

Medical Officer of Health (Dr. D.L. Johnson) M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Senior Public Health Inspector (J.W. Hitchens) M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector (W.G. Stevenson) M.R.S.H.

WEST PENWITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
38 Chapel Street,
Penzance.

To the Chairman and Members of the
West Penwith Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

A staff of two Public Health Inspectors with only part time office help was quite inadequate for a Rural Authority of this size, and the decision to increase the establishment by a full-time clerk was therefore a welcome one: it has enabled the department to keep abreast of the office work arising from the Councils Clearance Area Programme outlined in September, 1955, and to deal with enquiries as they arise, instead of through the message pad of another department. I am sorry, however, that the Council could not see its way, at this stage, to employing a third inspector, so that matters such as food hygiene could receive more attention.

Last year's epidemic of measles was followed by a smaller one of whooping cough: this began in April and spread rapidly through the eastern part of the district and by July, when it died out, there had been 197 notifications. Other infectious disease notifications were few, but it is very probable that the 7 notifications of intestinal illness are not a true picture of the situation.

The one case of poliomyelitis in the Land's End area is a reminder of the continued presence of this disease even in a year of relative quiet in the country as a whole. The scheme for vaccinating children against the disease, extended to include all born between 1947 and 1956, still only made slow progress due to slow delivery of vaccine: this was despite the Government decision to import vaccine. By the end of 1957 930 children had been vaccinated in the No. 1 Health Area - 297 being children living in this Rural District.

Referring to Mr. Hitchen's report that follows, it will be noted that once again full meat inspection was maintained, and although there has been a slight fall in the number of beasts killed, the number of visits to slaughterhouses has not fallen. I would also like to draw the attention of members to the quick action of the Inspectors in withdrawing certain tins of imported Pork Brawn from sale, pending bacteriological analysis. The laboratory report showed that this action probably averted a food poisoning outbreak. It also enabled me to warn the Medical Officer of the Food Hygiene Division of the Ministry of Health, so that he could take any action necessary over the rest of the consignment.

D.L. JOHNSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION
1957

1.	Estimated Population	17,350
2.	Area	59,792
3.	Rateable Value	£126,318
4.	Product of 1d Rate	£498
5.	No. of Inhabited Houses (Estimated)	6,463
6.	Live Births ... 137 Male. 112 Female ...	249 Total.
	Rate per 1000 Population 14.4	
7.	Still Births ... 4 Male. 7 Female ...	11 Total.
	Rate per 1000 Total Births 42.3	
8.	Total Deaths ... 110 Male. 123 Female. ...	233 Total.
	Rate per 1000 Population 13.4.	
9.	Infant Deaths ... 6 Male. 5 Female. ...	11 Total.
	Rate per 1000 Live Births 44.2	
10.	Maternal Deaths. Nil. ...	Nil.

TABLE OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	4	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	6	10
Lung, Bronchus	3	1	4
Breast	-	6	6
Uterus	-	3	3
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	7	9	16
Diabetes	-	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	11	21	32
Coronary Disease, Angina	29	19	48
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	4	5
Other Heart Disease	14	21	35
Other Circulatory Disease	5	6	11
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	8	7	15
Bronchitis	2	3	5
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	-	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	-	3
Congenital Malformations	1	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ...	8	9	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	2	3	5
Suicide	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	-	1

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Heart Disease	88
Cancer	39
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System ...	32
Pneumonia	15

APPENDIX "A"

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Corrected Notifications)

1957

DISEASE	PENZANCE BOROUGH.	ST. IVES BOROUGH	WEST PENWITH RURAL DISTRICT.	ST. JUST URBAN DISTRICT
Scarlet Fever	-	4	3	-
Whooping Cough	32	31	197	-
Poliomyelitis-Paralytic	1	-	-	-
Measles.	2	6	21	1
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	-	-	3	-
Pneumonia.	-	-	1	-
Tuberculosis-Respiratory.	19	7	5	6
Other.	6	-	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.	5	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.	1	22	4	-
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid.	-	1	-	-
Typhoid Fever.	1	-	-	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

1957

AREA.	Number of children who completed a Full Course of Immunisation in 1957			Number of Children Receiving Refresher Doses.
	Under 5.	5 - 14	Total.	
PENZANCE	189	13	202	307
ST. IVES.	59	6	65	41
WEST PENWITH R.D.	196	16	212	157
ST. JUST U.D.	52	3	55	73

APPENDIX "B"

TUBERCULOSIS — NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS FOR 1957

		Number on Register at 31.12.57.	1 - 5	5 - 15.	15 - 20.	20 - 25.	25 - 35.	35 - 45.	45 - 65	Over 65.	Total.
PENZANCE.											
Pulmonary.	M.	99	- -	1 -	1 -	3 -	2 -	2 -	2 (1)	1 -	12 (1)
	F.	71	- -	- -	1 -	- -	4 (2)	1 (1)	1 -	- -	7 (3)
Non-Pul.	M.	13	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -
	F.	12	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	3 -
WEST PENWITH											
Pulmonary	M.	52	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 (1)	- -	2 (1)
	F.	50	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	3 -
Non-Pul.	M.	16	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
	F.	17	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -
ST. JUST											
Pulmonary	M.	30	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	- (1)	2 (1)
	F.	18	- -	- -	- -	3 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	4 -
Non-Pul.	M.	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
	F.	4	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
ST. IVES.											
Pulmonary	M.	41	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	2 (3)	4 (3)
	F.	33	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	1 -	- (1)	- -	3 (1)
Non-Pul.	M.	4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- (1)	- (1)
	F.	6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

( ) = Deaths.

Total Notifications - 45
Total Deaths - 11

WEST PENWITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PENZANCE.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1957 which summarises the work carried out by the department.

As will be seen, the programme on Housing was well under way by the end of the year and we were well within our planned programme of dealing with unfit properties.

As is our custom, especially when dealing with individual unfit houses, every encouragement was given to owners to render fit with grant aided assistance where applicable and all departments have willingly given assistance and advice regarding matters of this nature.

The Council's continuation of the Improvement Grant Scheme no doubt had the effect of preserving properties and improving their condition which otherwise may have been lost.

Litter, which has subsequently been the subject of much National and Local propoganda, received a fair amount of attention by the Council and apart from dealing with the whole of our district which naturally attracts large numbers of Summer visitors, the North Coast route from St. Ives to Land's End, the longest sections lying within the Rural Area, was chosen as a testing ground to see what could be achieved to alleviate this nuisance. Whilst the results proved to be very satisfactory, it was naturally found at the end of the Season that improvements could be effected and plans were prepared for a more efficient service during the 1958 Season.

The increase in cysticercus bovis amongst cattle this year caused a certain amount of thought and particular details were recorded of all such animals affected and supplied to the Medical Officer of Health who was obtaining data from the four authorities under his control in an endeavour to rationalize seasonal or local infections.

J. W. HITCHENS,

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

FOOD SUPPLIES

MILK

This Rural District together with other Local Authorities was made a Specified Area on 1st April, 1957. This meant that no milk, other than Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised or Sterilized milk could be sold within the area after that date. We are fortunate in that there are two Pasteurising Plants within our area which assists both farmers and distributors.

MEAT.

Slaughtering is carried on at three slaughterhouses, viz: Newbridge, Madron and Marazion, where regular inspections are made. A fourth slaughterhouse, whilst licensed by us, has carried on no business.

When restrictions on licensing were lifted in 1954, the Council decided on a three-yearly licence period and prior to the expiry of such licences in December 1957, it was resolved that for the future and in view of pending legislation dealing with the matter arising out of a Government White Paper, the next licensing period should be for six months.

One hundred percent inspection of carcases and viscera was carried out by the department. The total killed showed a tendency to drop from the previous year, the figures being 1956 - 15858 and in 1957 - 14664.

Condemnations showed a similar drop, the figures being 1956 - 15⅓ tons and in 1957 - 13¾ tons approximately. This is accounted for by the decrease in the total number of animals killed, the improved quality especially of cattle sent to the slaughterhouses, associated with a decline in the numbers of the older categories of cows killed. Losses of carcases from the latter group, particularly from generalized tuberculosis, may also have had some influence on the buyers. Tuberculosis continues to be the highest single factor affecting animals and as will be seen, more than a quarter of the cow carcases examined were affected in some way by this.

There was a marked increase in cysticercus bovis during the year, mostly affecting young steer beef, and as in all cases, the head or heart was the only apparent site and in those cases isolated viable or degenerate cysts were found, the remainder of the carcases and viscera were sent off for deep freeze. There are seven firms able to deal with this type of treatment between our area and Exeter, the nearest being at Camborne.

Condemned meat continued to be collected by Cornish Fish Products who carried out a regular clearance from all slaughterhouses and made special collections, at our request, of any carcases requiring early disposal.

Assistance to both St. Ives Corporation and St. Just U.D.C. during their Inspectors' annual holiday was again given.

Overtime continued to be worked, (approximately 141 hours) to ensure complete inspection but as anticipated, there was a drop in this.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part.

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	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed (if known)	324	704	4278	1417	7941	Nil.
Number inspected.	324	704	4278	1417	7941	Nil.
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci.						
Whole carcases condemned.	Nil	5	9	1	10	Nil.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	46	128	12	98	522	Nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis & Cysticerci.	14.20	18.89	0.49	6.98	6.7	Nil
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	1	16	12	Nil	3	Nil.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	17	174	3	Nil.	368	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	5.55	26.99	0.35	Nil	4.67	Nil
Cysticercosis.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	1	-	-	-	Nil.
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	5	1	-	-	-	Nil.
Generalized and totally condemned.	Nil.	Nil	Nil	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

No. of visits to slaughterhouses - 922.

Total weight of meat rejected as being unfit for human consumption ... ... 13 tons 14 cwts. 12 lbs.

Other Food rejected as unsound ... ... 7 cwts. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.

OTHER FOODS

There was one particular item to which attention was called regarding Danish Pork Brawn where a local consignment was condemned after analytical reports on samples. 7½ cwts. of other food, particularly canned goods, were seized and disposed of. Certificates issued by the Local Authority to the distributor usually has the result of replacement by the producers which is a valuable asset and encourages shop keepers to consult us in any case of doubt.

Food Premises

Butchers	14
Bakers	1
Fish Friers	8
Fruiterers	7
School Canteens & Serveries	16
Factory Canteens ...	6
Confectioners... ...	14
Grocers	77
Wet Fish Shops ...	1
Cafes and Snack Bars ...	28
Licensed Premises ...	38
Hotels & Boarding Houses	13

CLEANSING SERVICES

REFUSE DISPOSAL

A new site of approximately thirteen acres was acquired at Trewinnard, St. Erth and, although comparatively shallow, will last some considerable time. No doubt when reclamation is completed the land will be brought into agricultural use. There are various advantages attaching to this location of which its isolation from built up areas is one, at the same time not being too remote from the bulk of our collection services. There is also a reservoir of cover which can be excavated from the area which is an asset.

St. Ives Corporation, who were in partnership with us at Gwithian, negotiated their new site within their own boundary but pending the changeover, utilized Trewinnard to the extent of 151 loads. This break with the Corporation, which was not favoured by this Council, is regrettable as it meant duplication of equipment and personnel without the mutual financial and other benefits to both Authorities.

Trewinnard Tip was opened in April and as at that time cover was available from the Electricity Power Station free of cost to us, no provision was made immediately for scraping our local cover. Near the end of the year however, we were

advised that the free service from the Electricity Authority would cease and that five shillings per load would be the new terms. Under these circumstances, it was felt more economical to utilize our own resources and a locally acquired scraper was put into satisfactory use.

For the Western parts of the area, a new site was opened up at Trebehor where although cover remains a problem, the area was worked and continues in use reasonably satisfactory.

GWITHIAN TIP
(1st Jan. - 25th April)

Record of Loads.

West Penwith	... 355
St. Ives	... 564
Trade Refuse	... 35
Total	... 954

TREWINNARD
(25th April - 31st Dec.

West Penwith	... 803
St. Ives.	... 151
Trade Refuse	... 263
Total	...1217

TREBEHOR

West Penwith	... 169

COLLECTION

Two side loading 10 cu.yd. vehicles, one of which is diesel-engined, are in normal operation covering the whole of the district (other than Roseworthy where it is done by agreement with Camborne-Redruth U.D.C.) and giving the more built-up areas a weekly collection and the outlying districts a fortnightly service. Notwithstanding that the population statistics show little change from year to year, it is found that the amounts of domestic refuse to be collected are increasing, particularly where Council Housing Estates are developing. A third vehicle is employed to cover seasonal increases particularly at Sennen, Hayle and Gwithian and also for the collection of litter, emergencies etc.

SALVAGE

All salvageable materials, other than paper for which unfortunately there appears to be no outlet, were reclaimed during the year and represented a reasonable income from materials which would otherwise have been buried with the refuse. A baled-tin scheme was introduced and worked very satisfactorily under the auspices of the London and Southern Joint Scrap Survey Committee.

Recovered from Gwithian Tip 1.1.57 to 24.4.57.

		£.	s.	d.
3888 Bottles	... ...	32.	8.	0
17 lbs. Brass	... ...		18.	6
213 lbs. Aluminium	...	9.	6.	10
177 lbs. Wool	... ...	8.	17.	0
4624 lbs. Rags	... ...	33.	5.	4
20 lbs. Copper	... ...	1.	15.	0
30 lbs. Hair	... ...		5.	0
		£86.	15.	8

Recovered from Trewinnard Tip 25.4.57 to 31.12.57

		£	s.	d
Iron	- 7 tons 19 cwts.1 qr. 0 lbs.	39.	16.	3
Aluminium	- 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs	5.	9.	1
Baled Tins	- 24 tons 11 cwt.0 qrs.0 lbs.	104.	19.	1
Wool	- 1 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs.	7.	10.	0
Rags	- 3 tons 13 cwts. 1 qr. 0 lbs.	64.	6.	3
Milk Bottles	- 675	5.	1.	3
Other Bottles	- 2580	23.	17.	6
		£250.	19.	5

LITTER

The Council were perturbed about the growing litter problem during the Summer months and apart from providing receptacles and means of clearance from the whole of the district, introduced in conjunction with St. Ives Corporation, St. Just U.D.C. and Cornwall County Council, a Pilot Scheme between St. Ives and Lands End on the North Coast route. This proved reasonably satisfactory and we disposed of approximately 87 cu. yds. (13 tons) of litter from this Section. Propoganda literature was distributed, supplied by the Central Office of Information. It was found at the end of the season that more coverage is needed although we had in use some 114 receptacles. With such a widespread problem, the question of clearance becomes more onerous however than the provision of the receptacles.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The service whereby we act as agents for residents in the district and employ the services of St. Ives Corporation Gully Emptier, continues satisfactorily. The number of calls answered being 121, an increase of over 37% from the previous year.

WATER SUPPLIES

Samples of water taken from sources vested in the Council were taken and details are given overleaf.

There are a number of supplies, particularly wells and pumps, serving some villages and hamlets and in one case a holiday centre where the results have been consistently unsatisfactory and the Council are alive to this position. The majority of those unsatisfactory circumstances will, however, disappear when the Drift major scheme is in operation.

WATER SUPPLIES

Name of Parish	Est. Population (Last Census figures.	R.V. Dec. 1957	Type of Public Supply.	Properties from Main Direct to Houses.	By means of stand-pipes.	Samples Untreated	Chlor-inated.	Chlorinated and Filtered.	Results. Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory
Gwinear -	1869	3978	M)	460	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gwithian.		4576	M)							
Hayle.	4616	43515	S.M.	1619	278	-	2	3	3	2
Ludgvan.	2533	11730	S.M.	325	69	12	23	-	23	12
Madron.	1366	6671	S.M.	112	18	8	-	-	7	1
Marazion.)	1293	10537	M.	483	Nil.	-	3	-	3	-
St. Michael's Mt.)	52	522	M.	24	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-
Morvah.	72	267	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-
Paul.	287	1132	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-
Perranuthnoe.	886	5909	S.M.	66	90	6	-	-	5	1
Sancreed.	589	3384	S.M.	26	5	6	-	-	5	1
St. Buryan.	1072	5338	S.M.	102	6	5	-	-	5	-
St. Erth.	1066	4680	S.M.	90	9	3	-	3	3	3
St. Levan.	638	4434	S.M.	12	Nil.	2	-	-	1	1
St. Hilary.	682	2734	W.	Nil.	Nil.	3	-	-	1	2
Sennen.	692	5783	S.M.W.	72	Nil.	3	-	-	2	1
Towednack.	294	1445	S.M.W.	28	Nil.	1	-	-	1	-
Zennor.	257	1329	W.	Nil.	Nil.	4	-	-	2	2

M - Main Supply. S - Standpipe Supply. W - Well Supply.

H O U S I N G

The programme first considered in 1955 for dealing with unfit properties either by Clearance Areas or individual action got well under way in 1957 and 530 visits were made for purposes of inspection and recording.

Six Clearance Areas were declared by the Council, comprised of 48 houses, 31 of which were subject to Clearance Orders which were confirmed by the Ministry, two areas after objections had been heard at a Public Local Inquiry. The remaining 17 properties at Madron were subject to acquisition procedure with a view to clearance and as an ultimate site for house re-development, in the meantime considering its use as a village open space.

The Rent Act, 1957, came into force on 6th July, 1957, which, amongst other things, enabled a tenant to resist increased rentals whilst defects obtained on the property.

Official Representations made ...	42
Closing Orders made	16
Undertakings accepted	6
Demolition orders made	2
Closing Orders cancelled on making fit ...	4
Houses demolished	2
Houses made fit informally ...	4[illegible]
Houses included in Clearance Orders	5[illegible]
Houses included in Confirmed Clearance Orders ...	31
Applications for Certificates of Disrepair ...	2
Notices served on owners	2
Undertakings accepted	2
Cancellations of Certificate of Disrepair ...	1
Number of New Houses provided during the year	
(a) By Local Authority ...	59
(b) By Private Enterprise ...	17
Grants under Section 20 Housing Act, 1949	
(a) Approved ...	49
(b) Completed ...	28

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1948

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections.	Number of Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	76	8	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	76	8	-	-

PART V111 OF THE A6T

Nature of Work.	No. of outworkers etc.	No. of cases etc.	No. of prosecutions etc.	No. of instances.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (Making etc. (Cleaning & Washing.	8	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	-	-	-	-	-

INSPECTIONS MADE UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS.

Dwellinghouses inspected	...	253
Visits re Housing	...	530
" " Rent Act	...	5
" " Sect.4.H.A.1949 Advances	...	10
" " Water Supplies	...	27
" " Food Premises	...	8
" " Nuisances	...	45
" " Milk & Samples	...	6
" " Refuse Tips.	...	17
" " Moveable Dwellings & Sites		20
" " Factories	...	8
" " Drainage	...	106
" " Infectious Diseases	...	7
" " Rodent Control	...	10
" " Public Conveniences	...	5
Houses Disinfected	...	2

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

LICENCES ISSUED

Site Licences for Moveable Dwellings	...	17
Individual Licences for Moveable Dwellings	..	32
Slaughtermen's Licences	...	18
Knacker Yards.	...	2
Milk (17 Pasteurised)(13 T.T)	...	30
Milk Supplementary (8 Pasteurised)(4 T.T)	...	12

REGISTRATIONS

Premises under Food & Drugs Act	...	94
Milk & Dairies Regs. (Dairies)	...	17
" " (Distributors)	...	24

CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Means of Escape in Case of Fire (Factories Act 1937) (amendment)	1

PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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FOR THE YEAR 1957

Section 1 - Staff

Table "A"

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment.	Qualification	Any other appointment held.
P.E. Morris.	Port Health Medical Officer.	1st April, 1952.	M.B. Ch.B.	Police Surgeon Certifying Factory Dr.
J.W.Hitchens.	Port Health Inspector.	1st October, 1952.	Public Health Inspect. Cert. Meat & Foods Inspect. Cert.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.	Chief Public Health Inspect. West Penwith R.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health:- "Bonear", Hayle 2315.

Section 11 - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year.

Table "B"

Ships from	Numbers	Tonnage	Number Inspected By M.O.H.	Number Inspected By P.H.I.	No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports.	6	1409	4	3	NIL.
Coastwise.	399	85401	32	4	NIL.
Total	405	86810	36	7	NIL

Section 111 - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year.

Passenger Traffic (Number of passengers INWARDS - Nil.
(Number of passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.

Cargo Traffic (Principal Imports ... Coal, Oil, Timber, Sulphur Cement, Potatoes & Animal Feeding Stuffs.
(Principal Exports ... Scrap Metals, Boxed Fuses)

Principal Ports from which ships arrive... Barry, Port Talbot, Fawley, Avonmouth, Mersey Ports, Goole, Blyth, River Thames, Belfast, Baltic Timber Ports.

Section 1V. Inland Barge Traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

Section V. Water Supply

(1)	Source of supply for (a) the district ...	mains supply from Mellanear filtered and chlorinated.
	(b) shipping ...	supply pipes taken through the docks with water points at intervals at dock side.
(2)	Reports of tests for contamination ...	Samples taken showed contamination
(3)	Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes ...	Works of protection asked for and commenced.
(4)	Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority ...	Nil.

Section Vl. Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(1)	List of infected Areas (Reg.6)	- Weekly records of Quarantinable Diseases are now received and amendment of the list as applied to the Home Trade Ports made monthly. This information is supplied to Pilots and Customs Officers, where circumstances warrant.
(2)	Radio Messages	- This is not a radio transmitting or receiving Port but arrangements are made with the dock owners to forward any radio messages they may receive in connection with infectious diseases.
(3)	Notifications otherwise than by radio	Arrangements made with Pilots and Customs Officers for notification and despatch of "Declarations of Health".
(4)	Mooring Stations	- Stations have with approval of Harbour Master and Customs Officers been sited in the bay.
(5)	Arrangements for:- (a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases.	- County Isolation Hospital, Truro through No.1 Health Area Office, Penzance.
	(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts	- Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council & No.1. Health Area Office.
	(c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.	- Disinfection of ships carried out under direction of Port Health Inspector. No facilities for personal cleansing. Clothing etc. steam disinfected at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance by arrangement.

Section Vll - Smallpox

(1)	Name of Isolation Hospital to which cases are sent from the district.	- Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard.
(2)	Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance etc.	- Contact Dr. Pierson, M.O.H. Plymouth, or Plymouth Ambulance Bureau (Tel.No. Plymouth 4101).
(3)	Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available.	- Dr. W.A. Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth. (Tel.No.Plymouth 5701) Dr. C. Seward, 20, West Southernhay, Exeter (Tel.No.Exeter 2110)
(4)	Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis.	- Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

Section V111	-	Veneraal Disease
Location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen.		West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance - V.D. Clinic every Thursday 4 p.m - 6 p.m. Psychiatric clinic every Thursday each month 3 p.m. by appointment. Customs Offices advise contact direct with M.O.H's surgery or Health Department, West Penwith R.D.C. Penzance.

Section 1X. Table "D" - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on ships.

Category	No.of cases during the year			Number of ships concerned.
	Disease	Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases land from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X. - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in ships.

No ships from areas of epidemic malaria visited the Port and I have no observations to make on its occurrence in those ships from foreign Ports visiting Hayle.

Section X1 - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No measures necessary.

Section X11 - Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports.

(1)	Procedure for inspection	- Routine examination. Validity of deratting or deratting exemption certificates.
(2)	Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents etc.	- Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. No rodents sent for examination during the year.
(3)	Arrangements for deratting ships, methods used etc.	- Hayle is not an approved Port for this purpose. If necessary ships directed to Falmouth.
(4)	Progress in the ratproofing of ships.	- Nil.

Table "E"

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from Foreign Ports - Nil.

Table "F"

Deratting Certificates & Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from Foreign Ports.

Nil.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances.

Table "G"

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and Number of Inspections.		Notices served Statutory Notices.	Other Notices	Results of serving notice.
As in Table "BB		Nil.	Nil.	-
Total	39	Nil.	2	Complied with

Section XIV. - Public Health (Shell - fish) Regulations 1934 - 1948

Not applicable.

Section XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens

Not applicable.

Section XVI - Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.	- Port M.O.H. in conjunction with District M.O.H. institute procedure prescribed by Section 162 P.H.A. 1936.

Mortuary.

During the year 16 bodies have been placed in the mortuary.

Dock Installations

The sanitary facilities and canteens provided by Messrs. Harvey & Co., were visited and found clean and satisfactory.

The dock area continues to be disinfested against rats by the Health Dept. for Messrs. Harvey & Co., on a recharge basis quarterly.

Water Supplies Because of the liability of contamination of the water points on North Quay, Messrs. Harvey & Co. were asked to provide dust-proof covers and detachable caps to the outlets. This work has not yet been completed and out of the total of 16, some 3 are still outstanding. A new mobile reel and hose has been provided for use of drinking water to vessels.

In October, 1957, a report was received from the Port Health Authority at Barry that a water sample taken from M.V. Kindrence was contaminated. The ship was met on docking at Hayle and instructions given for emptying and sterilizing the system. Works of an engineering character were required and these were undertaken while the ship was at Hayle but owing to the necessity for the ship to sail, pending clearance of the fresh water, instructions were given to the Master to ensure that drinking water was boiled. The works proved satisfactory and after some test samples, the Master was advised of the safety of the supply. The Barry Port Health Authority were kept advised of the position.

There was a suspected case of dysentery reported from the same ship but there was no confirmation although the matter was taken up with the M.O.H. of the man's home district.